

Egham keeper John Missen comes out bravely to smother this piledriver from the Wycombe right winger.

5-goal blitz ends fool's paradise

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EGHAM TOWN 2, WYCOMBE WANDERERS 6

EGHAM gave the Isthmian League champions a shock on Saturday when they led 1-0 at half time with a goal scored by Doug Hazelgrove after 33 minutes. But the second half was a different story and Egham fell apart under a five-goal blitz in 20 minutes.

With the prospect of an away tie with Walton or Leytonstone at stake, Egham were nervous at the start in front of a 1,500 crowd. But even after they settled down the signs of their downfall were evident in their poor clearances.

Wycombe never really got used to the bumpy conditions in the first half and their defence, renowned as one of the best in amateur soccer, always looked suspect to low crosses.

In the opening minutes Egham almost gave away two gift goals, but Horseman and Searle wasted the chances. Then after 12 minutes Hollifield, with only keeper Missen to beat, shot against him and blazed the rebound over.

Wycombe seemed to think they had an easy task and became more careless—which let Egham back into the game, with Brian Myers and Terry McCormack were continually harassing the defence.

In the 33rd minute Myers hammered a low cross into the penalty area and HAZEL-GROVE squeezed his shot between keeper O'Brien and the post.

A minute later McCormack robbed Olson in the area but his chip shot was just off target.

From the start of the second half Wycombe went looking for a quick goal and Keith Searle cracked a shot against a post. A minute later Derek Gamblin crossed to the far post and the unmarked Tony Horseman headed home—to send the large

crowd of Wycombe fans behind the goal wild with delight.

In the next 15 minutes the Egham goal had a series of miraculous escapes. A Hollifield header thumped off the underside, then Ian Ellery rushed in to hack a shot by England international Larry Pritchard off the line.

In the 61st minute Hollifield scored off a post, from another dangerous cross by Gamblin. And in the next seven minutes Wycombe scored a further three goals.

Hollifield latched on to a through ball from Pritchard to shoot low past Missen. Searle cracked home a 25-yard shot, and scored again in the 68th minute after Hollifield had mis-hit his shot.

With less than 15 minutes to go Stan Lovell was replaced by striker Phil Keefe, to add some strength to Egham's fading forward line.

Searle completed his hat-trick then made it 6-1 when he swept home Rundle's cross with nine minutes left. Wycombe seemed content at that so the Egham forwards saw a bit more of the ball, and in the dying seconds KEEFE hit a fine left-foot shot past O'Brien.

EGHAM: Missen, Lovell, Ellery, Bailey, Hartridge, Archer, McCormack, Stroud, Myers, Bending, Hazelgrove. Sub: Keefe.

WYCOMBE: O'Brien, Rundle, Gamblin, Olson, Delaney, Williams, Hollifield, Pritchard, Searle, Horseman, Hutchinson. Sub: Gane.

Wycombe striker Searle (left) eludes Hartridge and slams the ball past Missen for another goal.

